GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

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LAUNCHING OF EDUCATION SATELLITE
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to launch an exclusive `Education Satellite` into the space orbit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefits that would accrue from launching of the satellite vis-a-vis cost of manufacture of the satellite;

(d) whether satellite is going to be indigenously built and launched from India; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. EDUSAT, a satellite dedicated for tele-education is to be launched on the third developmental flight of GSLV during the second quarter of 2004. This satellite will have regional and national beams in Ku-band and national beams in Ext-C band optimised for educational applications.

(c) EDUSAT will be used for imparting quality education in Primary, Secondary, Higher School education, Teacher`s Training and for Technical and Medical education to the whole country. The estimated cost of the satellite will be about Rs. 85.00 crores.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. Education Satellite (EDUSAT) will be launched on the third developmental flight of GSLV and both the satellite and the launch vehicle are indigenously built.